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SUBJECT: VISIT OF INTERACADEMY EXCHANGE MICHAEL
WOLFE

1. US WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST MICHAEL WOLFE RECENTLY VISITED EMBASSY TOWARD CONCLUSION OF HIS SIX WEEK PROGRAM IN THE USSR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERACADEMY AGREEMENT. WOLFE NOTED THAT HE HAD DEVELOPED GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIS SOVIET COLLEAGUES, WHO HAD BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN ARRANGING VISITS TO NATURE PROTECTION LABORATORIES AND TO PRESERVES IN MOSCOW, ALMA-ATA, TBILISI AND TURKMENIA. WOLFE WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED BY THE OPPORTUNITY OF STUDYING THE ECOLOGY OF THE KULAN AT THE BOTKIS PRESERVE, LOCATED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN BORDER. (WOLFE NOTED THAT HE HAD APPROACHED TO WITHIN ONE KILOMETER OF THE BORDER AND HAD OBSERVED NO SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN EFFECT.) WOLFE WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AT HIS WIDE ACCESS TO PRESERVES BECAUSE V.V. KRINITSKIY, HEAD OF THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR NATURE PRESERVES,
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WARNED WOLFE AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS PROGRAM TO EXPECT LITTLE ACCESS TO PRESERVES.

2. WOLFE ALSO WORKED WITH SOVIET SPECIALIST TASHLEYEV (PHONETIC) OF THE TURKMEN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WHO IS DOING RESEARCH INTO THE FEEDING HABITS OF WOLVES IN CAPTIVITY. TASHLEYEV EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN VISITING

THE US TO OBSERVE US WILD WOLF RESEARCH AT THE ISLE
ROYAL PARK. WOLFE NOTED THAT HE PLANS TO CONTACT
US ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SHOSTAL
UPON HIS RETURN TO THE US TO ATTEMPT TO RESUSCITATE THE
MORIBUND WOLF PROJECT UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.
WOLFE NOTED THAT WOLVES ARE WIDESPREAD AND
INCREASING IN THE USSR, WHERE THEY ARE MAINLY CONSIDERED
A PEST TO BE CONTROLLED. WOLFE WAS INFORMED THAT THERE
ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT 300,000 WOLVES IN THE USSR. (NOTE:
THE WOLF PROJECT OF THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT
HAS HAD A HARD TIME GETTING ON ITS FEET BECAUSE AMONG
OTHER THINGS, THE SOVIETS HAVE CLAIMED AN INABILITY TO
FIND ANY WOLVES.) TOON

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